of beneficiaries has been decreasing day by day. So does the Government propose to extend these facilities to other faculties also in addition to medical and engineering courses?

SHRI SITARAM KERSI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have already submitted that medical, engineering, veterinary as well as diploma courses are included in it. He has made one addition that of Law. The government would consider that also.

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Milk Supply by DMS

*413 SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present supply of milk by Delhi Milk Scheme is enough to meet the requirement;

(b) if not, the steps being taken to augment the supply;

(c) whether it is proposed to open more booths in residential areas of Delhi during 1992-93;

(d) if so, the locations thereof; and

(e) the time by which these booths are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA); (a) and (b): The estimated daily demand of milk in Delhi is about 2025 lakh litters. The Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy together supply about 11 lakh litters per day. The rest of the demand is met by the Co-operative Federations of some of the neighbouring States and private agencies in the organised and the unorganised sectors.

(c) It may be difficult to open more milk booths at present mainly due to capacity constraints.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: It has been disclosed by the hon. Minister that there are a number of cooperative societies which are working in Delhi and they have monopolised the supply of milk to DMS. A number of cooperative societies are fake innature and character. They do not have any cattle; but they are just behaving like a tardier in milk. They are procuring milk from other sources and are selling it to the DMS. At the same time they are getting supplementary payment from the Ministry. One probe was ordered by the CBI. As a result of the probe it was found that most of the coopetative societies are bogus; but they are at the same time getting supplementary payment to the tune of Rs. 4 crores. What action is being proposed to be taken by the hon. Minister and the Ministry ?

Once it was ordered that the open tender will be made and the milk will be procured from the open market. But why did the Ministry pressurise in the midway and that system was left out?

DMS has accumulated Rs. 200 crores of loss. What action is going to be taken by the hon. Minister to reduce the loss?

SHRI K.C. LENKA: Regarding the co-operative societies at Delhi some allegations have come that most of the coopertive societies are not genuine. Those allegations have been refomed to the CBI for investigations. Up-till now no report has come about the findings of the CBI.

Regarding tender, when DMS saw that there was shortage of milk, DMS decided to go in for open tender. This year DMS has ordered some private contractors through tender to supply milk to DMS.

Regarding loss, what the hon. Member has said is true. The accumulated loss of DMS up to the end of this year will be Rs. 200 crores and this year it will be only Rs. 50 crores. The main reasons for the loss is that DMS is selling its milk at very low cost. Per litre we are losing about Rs. 2. So the

Government is considering to enhance the price.

SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: It was just now pointed out by the hon. Minister that the inquiry was ordered and that the CBI has not submitted its report. But, so far as I know, the CBI has inquired into the matter and the CBI has found the coopertive societies as take and a number of irregularities therein. In spite of that, no action has been taken. So, what action is going to be taken by the hon. Minister.

There are nine unauthorised and illegal plants which are working here and they are producing the milk products like *paneer, Khoya* and other things. They are consming half of the total requirement of Delhi, that is ten lakh liters per day. This is against the Municipal Law, the Central Law and the Anti Pollution Laws. In contravention of all these laws, the unauthorised and illegal plants are working. So, what action is going to be taken by the Minister to stop the working of all these plants so that milk will be supplied sufficiently and the loss will also be contained?

SHRI K.C. LENKA; Sir, the verification of cooperative societies as to whether they are genuine or not, is not our subject matter. There is the Registrar of Coopertive Societies to look into it as to whether the societies are genuine or not. We have also not received any report from the CBI. As soon as we get the report, we will certainly take action.

Regarding the unauthorised plants, that have come up, we have received the allegation that around Delhi and inside Delhi some unauthrised plants have come up. We have given instructions to the Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi to take action against those plants which are unauthorised. I do not know and I have no information as to how many unauthorised plants have been punished.

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: The Minister has stated in his reply that the requirement of milk is 25 lakh litters per day and the production is about 11 lakh litters. Is the Government considering to increase the capacity of DMS as well as that of Mother Dairy?

SHRI K.C LENKA: There is a proposal to increase the capacity of DMS from five lakh liters to seven lakh liters. The Government is considering that.

Development of Horticulture

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*414. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up an action plan for development of horticulture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to establish a National Research Centre for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the proposed location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Government have tentatively drawn up a plan the development of horticulture as a priority sector during the Eighth Plan period. The thrust will be to increase the production and productivity of horticultural crops with special emphasis on promotion of export oriented horticultue production and development of post harvest infra-structure.

(c) and (d). The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have proposed the following National Research Centres at tentative locations as indicated below:-

i) National Research Centre on Arid